Anti-Dumping cases

2590. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 81 per cent of anti-dumping cases initiated in 2003-04, provisional or final anti-dumping were recommended or imposed;

(b) whether it is a fact that in several of these cases the main consideration was an increase in the share of imports from the foreign firms inspite of growth of sales and profits of domestic industry; and

(c) since growth in imports is natural with trade liberalization, what measures Government are taking to ensure that anti-dumping remedy is used not merely to restrict competition but of provide relief from injury?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. During 2003-04, Anti-Dumping investigations were initiated in 14 cases. Out of these, preliminary/final findings had been issued in13 cases. Duty was not recommended in 3 cases. In one case the petition was withdrawn by the domestic industry. Measures imposed are in 10 cases.

(b) and (c) As per the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995 and the Rules framed, thereunder, Anti-dumping investigations are normally initiated by the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) on receiving a fully documented petition from the domestic industry with prima-facie evidence of dumping, injury and casual link between the dumped goods and injury to the domestic industry. The purpose of Anti-dumping duties is to counteract trade distortion caused by dumping and the consequential injury to the domestic industry. Anti-dumping measures are taken for ensuring fair trade and is not a measure to restrict competition.

Discussions with Director-General of WTO

2591. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director-General of the WTO, Pascal Lamy had visited the country and held discussions at the Ministerial level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decisions arrived at?